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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO ALL NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS PRIORITY

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INFORM CONSULS FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION AND PO'S FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: PERSONAL MESSAGE

1. WITH THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD IN NEA, I WANT TO  
TELL EACH OF YOU -- AND THROUGH YOU ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR  
STAFF, BOTH AMERICAN AND HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS --  
HOW DEEPLY I HAVE VALUED THE SUPPORT ALL YOUR POSTS HAVE  
GIVEN ME DURING THE FOUR YEARS I HAVE BEEN ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY. IT HAS BEEN A PERIOD OF CHALLENGE AND CHANGE  
IN ALL THE FAR-FLUNG PARTS OF THE NEA REGION. MUCH HAS  
BEEN ACCOMPLISHED; MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE.

2. WORKING CLOSELY WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS  
AND THE BUREAU, I SHALL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY CONTRIBUTION  
I CAN IN ONE OF THE MANY AREAS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE  
TO OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS IN THE NEA REGION, THE SEARCH  
FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE FACT THAT HAL SAUNDERS  
AND I HAD A JOINT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY TODAY SYMBOLIZES  
THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WE ENVISAGE FOR THE FUTURE. I  
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KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU WILL GIVE HAL SAUNDERS THE SAME  
FULL SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME AND THAT, UNDER HIS EX-  
PERIENCED LEADERSHIP, NEA WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE  
HIGH STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AND DEDICATION WHICH ONLY ALL  
OF YOU, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, CAN MAKE POSSIBLE.  
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